(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accord a green signal to this long standing demand for the project; and

(c) when the project is finally expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) At the level of Central Government, the subject of sky-bus metro is dealt by Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation which has constituted a committee in December 2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri E.V. Indiresan to examine the feasibility of establishing and operating sky bus metro service in Indian cities. The terms of reference of this committee are as under:

(i) To examine the techno-economic and financial feasibility of the sky bus metro system.

(ii) To ascertain the safety of the system.

(iii) To critically evaluate novel system component, such as suspended rail technology, traversing systems, etc.

(iv) To critically evaluate the integration of different technologies.

(v) Any other matter considered relevant by the Committee.

The issues regarding need for sky bus metro shall be examined only after the report of the above committee is received.

Kerosene distribution through PDS

*257. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kerosene is distributed through fair price outlets under Public Distribution System to domestic consumers;

(b) the details of the scheme and number of families covered and volume distributed, year-wise since 1994-95;

(c) the details of the special scheme, if any, for consumers belonging to BPL category alongwith details thereof;

(d) the amount of subsidy involved per litre distributed in respective cateogry;

(e) whether there are complaints about substantial diversion of PDS kerosene to unscrupulous use for adulteration of diesel and other fuel; and

(f) the action, if any, taken to plug it?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At present, based on the allocation approved by the Government, the State Governments/UT Administrations are distributing PDS kerosene (SKO) to Ration Card holders. The quantity of kerosene allotted to all the States/ UTs since 1994-95 is given below:

Year	Quantity allocated in MT
1994-95	88,22,163
1995-96	91,19,194
1996-97	93,89,194
1997-98	96,61,530
1998-99	1,04,90,199
1999-2000	1,04,90,199
2000-2001	1,04,90,199
2001-2002	1,00,22,208
2002-2003	96,06,457
2003-2004	92,75,760

The distribution of kerosene under the Public Distribution System within each State/UT is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT.

The information on number of families covered is not maintained by the Central Government.

(d) The total amount of Government subsidy and oil PSUs under recoveries for PDS kerosene is Rs. 7.87 per litre (Provisional).

(e) and (f) The possibility of diversion of kerosene for adulteration of Petrol and Diesel by some unscrupulous elements can not be ruled out owing to the price difference between petrol/diesel and the easy miscibility

of this product with petrol and diesel. Government is committed to supply clean and unadulterated fuel to customers. The following steps have been taken to reduce, minimize and eventually eliminate adulteration:-

Government have issued Control Orders under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 namely Naphtha Control Order, 2000, Solvent Control Order 2000 and SKO Control Order, 1993 to prevent the misuse of these products for adulteration of auto fuels. MS/HSD Control Order, 1998 also provides for prevention of use of petroleum products other than MS/HSD as auto fuel. These Orders provide powers of search and seizure to the State Government and Oil Marketing Companies to check adulteration. State Government have been advised to take strict action under these Control Orders against persons indulging in adulteration.

Oil Marketing Companies undertake regular and surprise inspections of Retail Outlets and also take action under Marketing Discipline Guidelines and Dealership Agreement against those indulging in adulteration and malpractices.

Marketing Discipline Guidelines provide for penalty of termination of dealership in cases of adulteration being established.

Oil Marketing Companies have also introduced new temper proof tank-truck locking systems to prevent en route adulteration by transporters.

Trials for introduction of Marker System.

Keeping in view the misuse/diversion for adulteration, the import of SKO by private parties has been canalized through Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies. Measures to check adulteration are kept under continuous review of the Government.

IT solution like monitoring movement of tank-truck through Global Positioning System (GPS) and monitoring level of fuel tanks in Retail Outlets through retail automation.

Quazigund-Baramula Rail Project

†*258. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether time-over run has taken place with regard to Quazigund-Baramula Rail Project;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.